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SUBJECT: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE: JOINT COMMUNIQUE: INTRODUCTION TO  
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REF: CAIRO 5805

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPY OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND INTRODUCTION TO  
JOINT WORKING PAPER PREPARED AT END OF CAIRO EC-ARAB TALKS ON JUNE 14

WE ARE ADVISED THAT COMMUNIQUE WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED, AND PROVIDE  
TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

JOINT COMMUNIQUE  
EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, CAIRO  
14TH JUNE 1975

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1. TWO DELEGATIONS OF EXPERTS, ONE ARAB AND ONE EUROPEAN, MET AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARAB LEAGUE IN CAIRO FROM 10TH TO 15TH JUNE IN ORDER TO ELABORATE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVE RELATING TO COOPERATION

BETWEEN EUROPE AND THE ARAB WORLD THROUGH THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE.

2. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE IS THE PRODUCT OF A JOINT POLITICAL WILL THAT EMERGED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES.

3. THEY SET OUT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE DIALOGUE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF COOPERATION:

- AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- INDUSTRIALISATION

- BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- FINANCIAL COOPERATION

- TRADE

- SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, CULTURAL AND LABOUR AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS.

4. IN ORDER TO SET IN TRAIN THE TASK OF IMPLEMENTING THESE OBJECTIVES, BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE PRESENT MEETING OF EXPERTS WILL BE RESUMED PERIODICALLY IN THE FORM OF A STEERING COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS; THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS WILL BE IN JULY IN A EUROPEAN CITY. ON THAT OCCASION, GROUPS OF EXPERTS OF BOTH SIDES WILL CONSIDER TOGETHER IN GREATER DEPTH THE AREAS OF COOPERATION SET OUT ABOVE.

5. THROUGHOUT THEIR DISCUSSIONS, THE ARAB AND EUROPEAN EXPERTS WERE CONSCIOUS OF THE SIGNIFICANCE TO BE ATTACHED TO THIS MEETING WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. CONSEQUENTLY, THEY EXERTED ALL EFFORTS IN ORDER TO BRING IT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. END QUOTE

2. COMMENT: EC EMBOFFS REPORT THAT TALKS WERE A CONSIDERABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUCCESS AND AN EXAMPLE OF MODERATION AND STATESMANSHIP. BOTH SIDES SEEMED WILLING CONCEDE CERTAIN MINOR - AND SOME NOT SO MINOR - POINTS IN ORDER MAKE PROGRESS. THEIR COMMUNIQUE INCLUDES REFERENCES TO TRADE AND LABOR QUESTIONS IN AREAS OF COOPERATION IN THE DIALOGUE, A CONCESSION BY THE EC, BUT NO REFERENCE TO PROTECTION OF ARAB INVESTMENTS, AN ARAB CONCESSION. A FURTHER MEETING OF EXPERTS IS SCHEDULED IN JULY IN ROME.

3. INTRODUCTION TO WORKING PAPER READS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE            INTRODUCTION

THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE IS THE PRODUCT OF A JOINT POLITICAL WILL THAT EMERGED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WITH A VIEW OF ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS.

- THE TWO SIDES RECALLED THAT THE DIALOGUE HAD ITS ORIGINS IN THE EXCHANGES WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THEM AT THE END OF 1973. THESE INCLUDED THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE NINE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON THE 6TH NOVEMBER 1973, CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE STATEMENT ADDRESSED TO THE COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE AT THE 6TH ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS, ON 28TH NOVEMBER 1973.

- THE DIALOGUE'S POLITICAL DIMENSIONS ARE IN ESSENCE THE ATTEMPT TO REDISCOVER, TO RENEW AND TO INVIGORATE THE LINKS THAT EFFECT THESE NEIGHBOURING REGIONS: THE DESIRE TO ELIMINATE MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT GIVE RISE TO DIFFICULTIES IN THE PAST; AND THE INTENTION TO ESTABLISH THE BASES FOR FUTURE COOPERATION, EMBRACING A WIDE AREA OF ACTIVITIES, TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH SIDES. THE GROWTH AND FLOURISHING OF ARAB-EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION SHOULD PROCEED ON THIS UNDERSTANDING WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS STABILITY, SECURITY AND A JUST PEACE IN THE ARAB REGION AND TOWARDS THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY.

- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS IS INSPIRED BY THE TIES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AND A COMMON CULTURAL HERITAGE AS WELL AS BY THEIR COMPLEMENTARY AND CONVERGENT INTERESTS.

THIS COOPERATION SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF ALREADY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXISTING RELATIONS AND TO THE GROWTH OF FRIENDSHIP AMONG THE PEOPLES CONCERNED. IT SHOULD DEEPEN THEIR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CONFIDENCE AND SHOULD OPEN UP NEW HORIZONS IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DOMAINS.

- IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMICS IN PARTICULAR, THE DIALOGUE AIMS AT ESTABLISHING COOPERATION CAPABLE OF CREATING THE FUNDAMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARAB WORLD IN ITS ENTIRETY AND OF LESSENING THE TECHNOLOGICAL GAP SEPARATING THE ARAB AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THIS NECESSITATES THE SEEKING OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES AND STEPS IN ALL DOMAINS BASED ON AN EQUITABLE DIVISION OF LABOUR BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS. THUS ON THE ONE HAND, THE EUROPEAN PARTY POSSESSES GREAT POTENTIAL IN THE FIELDS OF TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE

ARAB SIDE POSSESSES AN ABUNDANCE OF PRIMARY RESOURCES, AS WELL AS CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES.

- THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARAB WORLD IS PART AND PARCEL OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE THIRD WORLD AND COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF THE ENTIRE WORLD ECONOMY WHICH WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED.

- THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE MUST:

- REST ON THE EQUALITY OF THE PARTNERS,

- BASED ON THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST,

- BE A COMPLEMENT TO THE COOPERATION LINKS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARAB LEAGUE,

- RESPECT EXISTING BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ANY SINGLE ARAB STATE AND ANY MEMBER STATE OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE,

- RESPECT EACH PARTY'S INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.

- BOTH SIDES EXPRESS THEIR WISH THAT THE DIALOGUE SHOULD CONTINUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNTIL IT REACHES ITS DESIRED OBJECTIVES.

END QUOTE

4. COMMENT: UK EMBOFF SAYS MANY KUDOS MUST GO TO IRISH CHAIRMAN OF EC EXPERTS, WHO DISPLAYED GENUINE SKILL IN HANDLING OVERALL WORK AND PARTICULARLY IN GETTING REFERENCE TO COMMON CULTURAL HERITAGE INCLUDED IN SUB PARA 3 ABOVE. IT APPARENTLY PLEASED ARABS GREATLY AND MADE ATTAINMENT OF OTHER OBJECTIVES EASIER.

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